

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND  
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,  
Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

PROMESA  
Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS  
(Jointly Administered)

**URGENT JOINT MOTION REGARDING RULE 30(b)(6) DEPOSITION OF  
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO**

**To The Honorable United States District Judge Laura Taylor Swain:**

The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”), as sole Title III representative of debtors the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”), the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”), and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA,” and collectively with the Commonwealth and ERS, the “Debtors”) pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”),<sup>2</sup> AmeriNational Community

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor’s respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801).

<sup>2</sup> PROMESA is codified at 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

Services, LLC (the “Servicer”), as servicer for the GDB Debt Recovery Authority (the “DRA”), and Cantor-Katz Collateral Monitor LLC, which serves as the collateral monitor for Wilmington Trust, N.A. in connection with the bonds issued by the DRA<sup>3</sup> (the “Collateral Monitor,” and together with the Servicer, collectively, the “DRA Parties,” and jointly with the Oversight Board, the “Parties”), by and through the undersigned legal counsel, respectfully jointly submit this urgent motion (the “Motion”) requesting entry of an order granting leave for the DRA Parties to take a deposition of the Oversight Board pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6) on October 20, 2021, following the close of discovery as set forth in the *Amended Order Establishing Procedures and Deadlines Concerning Objections to Confirmation and Discovery in Connection Therewith* [ECF No. 18394] (the “Amended Confirmation Procedures Order”).

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the “Court”) has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 306(a) of PROMESA. Venue is proper pursuant to PROMESA § 307(a).

2. The statutory basis for the relief requested herein is Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9018, made applicable to these proceedings by PROMESA §§ 301(a) and 310, and Local Rule 9018-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the District of Puerto Rico (the “Local Rules”).

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<sup>3</sup> The DRA bonds were issued pursuant to the *Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico Debt Restructuring Act*, Act No. 109-2017, as amended by Act No. 147-2018.

### **BACKGROUND**

3. On August 2, 2021, the Court entered its *Order Establishing Procedures and Deadlines Concerning Objection to Confirmation and Discovery in Connection Therewith* [Dkt. No. 17640] (the “Confirmation Procedures Order”),<sup>4</sup> which provides for, among other things, discovery and depositions related to the *Seventh Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al.* [Dkt. No. 17627] (as may be amended, modified, or supplemented, the “Plan”).

4. On September 13, 2021, the DRA Parties served notice of a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of the Oversight Board (the “Deposition Notice”).

5. On October 3, 2021, the Oversight Board served responses and objections to the Deposition Notice (the “Responses and Objections”), in which the Oversight Board objected to the Topic Nos. 1, 5, and 6 of the Deposition Notice in their entirety.

6. On October 3, 2021, the Oversight Board asserted that a certain individual (the “EY Representative”) employed by Ernst & Young Global Limited (“Ernst & Young”) would be best situated to answer questions related to Topics 2 through 6 as set forth in the Deposition Notice, but that Ernst & Young required that the DRA Parties serve a subpoena on Ernst & Young for a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition and the Oversight Board would then adopt the EY Representative’s testimony as that of the Oversight Board for purposes of Rule 30(b)(6) and in satisfaction of the Deposition Notice.

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<sup>4</sup> The Confirmation Procedures Order was subsequently amended on October 5, 2021. *See* Amended Confirmation Procedures Order.

7. On October 5, 2021, the Oversight Board withdrew its objections to Topic Nos. 5 and 6 of the Deposition Notice, while maintaining its objection with respect to Topic No. 1 of the Deposition Notice.

8. The DRA Parties and Oversight Board met and conferred on multiple occasions regarding the Deposition Notice, whether the DRA Parties would serve a subpoena on Ernst & Young, and, if so, when the EY Representative would be deposed. On October 9, 2021, counsel for the Oversight Board told counsel for the DRA Parties that, if the DRA Parties would serve a subpoena for a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition on Ernst & Young, the EY Representative would be available for deposition on October 15 or 18, 2021. Counsel for the DRA Parties rejected both of those dates, and requested holding the deposition on October 20 or 22, 2021. On October 11, 2021, counsel for the Oversight Board agreed to hold the deposition on October 20, 2021, and to jointly submit the instant Motion to the Court. However, on October 12, 2021, in a final attempt to avoid taking a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition after the close of the discovery period, counsel for the Oversight Board suggested the DRA Parties depose the EY Representative on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Counsel for the DRA Parties rejected this date, and maintained that the deposition needed to take place on October 20, 2021.

**RELIEF REQUESTED**

9. The Parties respectfully request that the Court enter an order, as set forth in the attached **Exhibit A**, authorizing the DRA Parties to take a deposition of the Oversight Board pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6) on October 20, 2021, following the close of discovery on October 18, 2021, as set forth in the Amended Confirmation Procedures Order.

**BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED**

10. The DRA Parties have agreed to serve a subpoena on Ernst & Young in connection with the Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of the Oversight Board (the “Subpoena”), but only if each of the provisions herein are agreed to in writing by the Parties.

11. Specifically, the Parties agree that the Subpoena will include identical Topics 1 through 6 as set forth in the Deposition Notice, and will not include any additional topics for examination.

12. Additionally, the Parties agree that the EY Representative will sit for the Rule 30(b)(6) deposition on October 20, 2021, and the DRA Parties shall not use the date of this deposition as a basis to seek leave to extend any other deadlines set forth in the Amended Confirmation Procedures Order, including, but not limited to, seeking leave to extend the Objection Deadline or to supplement any Objections filed on or before the Objection Deadline with testimony or other information disclosed at the deposition of the EY Representative.

13. Moreover, the Oversight Board agrees that it will adopt all testimony provided by the EY Representative in respect of the Rule 30(b)(6) topics listed in the Deposition Notice as testimony of the Oversight Board for purposes of Rule 30(b)(6).

14. The Oversight Board further agrees that the DRA Parties’ service of the Subpoena on Ernst & Young shall have no effect on the Oversight Board’s adoption of the EY Representative’s testimony as that of the Oversight Board for purposes of Rule 30(b)(6), including, but not limited to, the Oversight Board’s agreement to be fully bound by the EY Representative’s testimony as set forth by Rule 30(b)(6).

15. Additionally, the Oversight Board agrees that it shall be responsible for preparing the EY Representative for the deposition in accordance with Rule 30(b)(6), including, but not

limited to, with respect to each of the topics set forth in the Deposition Notice except for Topic No. 1.

16. The deposition of the EY Representative will be defended by counsel from Ernst & Young. Notwithstanding the foregoing, counsel for the Oversight Board may attend the deposition and object to the DRA Parties' questions in order to protect the Oversight Board's issues regarding privilege issues, matters relating to PROMESA section 106(e), and, if not made by counsel for Ernst & Young, objections to form.

17. The Parties do not waive any rights other than those specifically identified above.

### **CERTIFICATION**

18. Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1 and paragraph I.H of the Fifteenth Amended Case Management Procedures [ECF No. 17127-1], the DRA Parties certify that they: (a) have carefully examined the matter and have concluded that there is a true need for urgent relief because of unavoidable scheduling conflicts; (b) have not created the urgency through lack of due diligence on their part; (c) made a bona fide effort to resolve the matter without a hearing; (d) made reasonable, good-faith communications with in an attempt to resolve or narrow the issues being brought to the Court; and (e) conferred with the Oversight Board and AAFAF, who do not oppose the relief requested herein.

### **CONCLUSION**

**WHEREFORE**, the Parties respectfully request that this Motion be GRANTED, and that the Court issue an order substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, authorizing the DRA Parties to depose the EY Representative in connection with the Deposition Notice served on the Oversight Board pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6) on October 20, 2021, and granting such relief as the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: October 13, 2021  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on October 13, 2021, I caused the foregoing document to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all CM/ECF participants in this case.

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**Exhibit A**

**Proposed Order**

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**ORDER GRANTING URGENT JOINT MOTION REGARDING RULE 30(b)(6)  
DEPOSITION OF FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR  
PUERTO RICO**

Upon consideration of the *Urgent Joint Motion Regarding Rule 30(b)(6) Deposition of Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico*, dated October 13, 2021 (the “Motion”),<sup>2</sup> filed by the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”), as sole Title III representative of debtors the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”), the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”), and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA,” and collectively with the Commonwealth and ERS, the “Debtors”) pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”)<sup>3</sup>, AmeriNational Community Services, LLC (the “Servicer”), as servicer for the GDB Debt Recovery Authority (the “DRA”), and Cantor-Katz Collateral Monitor LLC, which serves as the collateral monitor for Wilmington Trust, N.A. in connection with the new bonds issued by the DRA<sup>4</sup> (the “Collateral Monitor,” and together with the Servicer, collectively, the “DRA Parties”); and the Court having jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and under section 306(a)-(b) of PROMESA, 48 U.S.C. § 2166(a)-(b); and venue being proper under section 307(a) of PROMESA, 48 U.S.C. § 2167(a); and the Court having reviewed the Motion; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Motion and the agreements embodied therein are approved and granted in full;

**ORDERED** that the DRA Parties shall be authorized to take a deposition of the EY Representative in connection with the Deposition Notice served on the Oversight Board pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6) on October 20, 2021, following the close of discovery as set forth in the Amended Confirmation Procedures Order;

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<sup>4</sup> The DRA bonds were issued pursuant to the *Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico Debt Restructuring Act*, Act No. 109-2017, as amended by Act No. 147-2018.

**ORDERED** that the DRA Parties shall be precluded from seeking leave to extend any deadlines set forth in the Amended Confirmation Procedures Order based on the timing of the deposition of the EY Representative, including, but not limited to, seeking leave to extend the Objection Deadline or to supplement any Objections filed on or before the Objection Deadline with testimony or other information disclosed at the deposition of the EY Representative.

**ORDERED** that this Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters relating to the interpretation and implementation of this Order.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Honorable Laura Taylor Swain  
United States District Court Judge